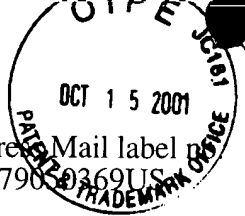


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Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56 and 1.98, the undersigned attorney for applicant submits to the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08. A copy of each document is enclosed. The Examiner is requested to fully consider each of these documents in determining the patentability of the claims in the present application.

In addition, copies are enclosed for the Examiner's consideration of the claims of the following applications filed as continuations of the present application. Only the claims are enclosed because the specification and drawings are identical to the present application.

SN 09/775,173, filed 01/31/01 by Carducci et al.

SN 09/775,295, filed 01/31/01 by Carducci et al.

Copies also are enclosed for the Examiner's consideration of the following three copending patent applications which disclose and claim subject matter related to the subject of the present application. The last two applications are continuations of the first application SN 09/263,001. Therefore, only the claims are submitted for the last two applications.

SN 09/263,001 filed 3/5/99 by Yin et al.

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